

[Biblical] love is giving someone what they need most, when they deserve it least, at great personal cost to yourself. ~Chip Ingram

A choice of the will to sacrifice oneself to meet the needs of the other person for the glory of God. ~Anonymous

➤ Biblical love is not a feeling. It is a choice, an action.

Negative Distinctives of Biblical Love

Biblical love ...

1. is not _____ . 4c

➤ *Biblical love does not need to have first place.*

• Philippians 2:4a, Proverbs 27:4

2. does not _____ or _____ . 4d

➤ *Biblical love does not go around announcing how great it is.*

3. is not _____ . 4e

➤ *Biblical love doesn't say or think "I'm better than you."*

From Pride to Humility - Scott, Humility True Greatness - Mahaney

4. is not _____ . 5a

The principle here has to do with poor manners, with acting rudely.... It does not care enough for those it is around to act becomingly or politely. It cares nothing for their feelings or sensitivities. The loveless person is careless, overbearing, and often crude. ~John MacArthur

➤ *Biblical love has good manners.*



5. is not _____ . 5b

• Philippians 2:4, 5-6, Luke 9:23

➤ *Biblical love does not demand, it gives.*

➤ *How often do I put you before me?*

6. is not easily _____ . 5cb

A person who loves biblically, "cannot be goaded into the sharp retort of irritation." ~Anthony C. Thiselton

➤ *Biblical love doesn't let its buttons be pushed.*

➤ *Biblical love finds and focuses on the other's good.*

7. does not keep a record of _____ . 5d

Biblical forgiveness means, I promise not to bring it up again to you or anyone else. I promise not use it against you in the future. I promise not to dwell on it.

• Matthew 18:15a

➤ *Biblical love gets rid of the record, permanently.*

8. does not _____ sin. 7a

9. never _____ . 8-13

➤ *You cannot love anyone biblically without Jesus.*

Are you going to, live like who you?

With God's help, are you going to respond to and treat

others with _____ love?

